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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR AND CONSULTANTS, INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 1951, IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Department of State

Mr. Barrett, Director
Mr. Oechsner, Acting Executive Sec.
Mr. Phillips
Mr. Hulten
Mrs. Curran
Admiral Stevens
General McClure
Mr. Barding

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Department of the Army

Economic Cooperation Administration

Central Intelligence Agency

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1. Minutes of the meeting of February 19, 1951 were approved with the following changes:

Under Item 2, line 2: change "areas" to "agencies".

After "stockpiling activities" add "and mounting an operation".

2. Operation Nobel: Mr. Barding advised the Board that meetings were currently being held in connection with this project and that a draft paper would be ready for distribution to the Board at an early date.

3. Non-governmental consultants to National Psychological Strategy Board: It was agreed that under NSC-59 the Board has authority to use such consultants who would be experts in the field and would be able to devote full time to planning. The question of relationship of such employees to existing State Department planning functions was discussed. The Chairman asked the Board to continue to think about the matter and come up with suggested names.

The Chairman advised the group that Mr. J. Wallace Carroll continues on the State Department's roles as a Consultant and that Mr. Hadley Cantril is being hired as a part-time consultant.

4. Discussion of contemplated psychological warfare staff in General Eisenhower's headquarters was deferred because of General Magruder's absence.

5. Plan for National Psychological Warfare for General War: There was a general discussion of this Plan and the Agency plans. Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Oechsner to have the overall plan distributed prior to the next Board meeting.

6. Operation Brainwave: The Chairman advised the Board that henceforth this project will be on a "need to know" basis.

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7. The Chairman announced that he would have a study made of NSC/59 with a checklist to be sure that action responsibilities are being followed through.

8. General McClure was asked to give a report on his operations at the next Board meeting.